

20th California Trails and Greenways Conference

March 26th- 28th, 2004

Program



**Historic Folsom welcomes you to the
2004 Trails and Greenways Conference**

Pre-Conference Workshops

GIS/GPS Workshop

March 25: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Location: Granite Bay Activity Center, Folsom Lake SRA

Spend a half day learning GPS in the field and half applying it to GIS trail planning and maintenance. (Lunch served at site)

Grantwriting Workshop

March 26: 9 am to Noon

Location: Natoma Room, Conference Hotel

The basics of writing a solid grant application will be the focus, with an overview of trails related funding sources. The session includes a grantwriting manual that contains an extensive listing of organizations and government grant programs that fund recreation programs and facilities development.

Trail Stairs Construction Workshop

March 26: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

*Location: Beals Point Campground, Folsom Lake SRA
(Hardhat, gloves and eye protection required)*

Focus on trail stair design, layout and construction of standard wood, cribbed wood, rock and cable steps. Classroom and hands-on instruction with workgroups rotating through each project. There may be a possibility of exposure to poison oak.

Conference Schedule

FRIDAY, March 26

8:am to 7pm

Conference Registration

(Lobby)

12:30 Conference Opening Remarks

(Lakes Ballroom)

1:00 – 2:15 (75 minute sessions)

Rails with Trails – Double the Pleasure

(Placer Room)

Learn from experts about the safety, liability, management and design issues that will need to be addressed when considering developing a rail-with-trail in your community.

Honey, I Shrunk the Trails

(Folsom Room)

Go three-dimensional on trail planning using the latest in Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to plan and visualize trail alignment, viewshed, steepness, terrain and accessibility.

Conference Sessions continued

2:30 – 3:45 (75 minute sessions)

Funding Opportunities on the Horizon

(Placer Room)

With major funding programs for trails now being planned and debated at the State and Federal levels, get the latest update on SAFETEA, park bonds and other key funding sources.

Recreational Trails in CalTrans Right-of-Way

(Natoma Room)

Trails on or that cross Caltrans' rights-of-way can be challenging. Learn ways to more effectively work with Caltrans and how Caltrans is working to better recognize recreational trails.

Trail Liability Issues

(Folsom Room)

This session explores how liability may be incurred by public entities as a result of negligence and dangerous conditions on trails on public property and ways to reduce exposure to such liability. Potential liabilities associated with using trail volunteers will also be discussed.

3:45 – 6:00 (Open period)

Caucus Stations

Bicycling Issues: *Natoma Room*

Hiking Issues: *Placer Room*

Equestrian Issues: *Folsom room*

Free Time

Bike, kayak and horse rentals available. Shopping/ touring historic Folsom.

6:00 to 7:00 Patio Reception

7:00 – 9:00

Welcome Dinner

(Sierra Ballroom)

SATURDAY, March 27

7:00 – 8:15

Breakfast

(Sierra Ballroom)

0830 – 10:15 (One hour and 45 minute session)

(Sierra Ballroom)

Plenary Session – Trends in Trails and Recreation in California – Dr. Emilyn Sheffield

Dr. Emilyn Sheffield, Chair of the Department of Recreation & Park Management at CSU, Chico and noted futurist, talks about the dramatic changes occurring in California and the implications of these changes on trails providers and users.

10:30 – Noon (90 minute sessions)

Pursuing Prescriptive Easements

(Placer Room)

Learn from two leading attorneys what prescriptive rights are, what's involved in proving historic or prescriptive use and how to go about obtaining such easements.

Multi-Use Trails Planning

(Natoma Room)

Panelists and session participants discuss positive means of planning for and improving access for all trail users and ways to enhance smart trails use.

Forging New Opportunities Through Interagency Partnerships

(Folsom Room)

Explore the advantages of developing and formalizing stronger alliances with unusual Agency partners, non-profits and citizen groups as a means of effectively leveraging funds and other resources

Noon – 1:15

Lunch

(Sierra Ballroom)

1:15 – 2:30 (75 minute sessions)

Preparing, Planning & Constructing Trails & Greenways Projects

(Folsom Room)

From site selection and defining the project to the joys of walking through a completed trail or greenway project, this session will describe the process, pitfalls and safeguards.

Partnering for Trails Support

(Natoma Room)

How to reach volunteers and interact with public agencies, non-profits and others in establishing effective trails maintenance and support programs.

Creating Great Trail Events

(Placer Room)

Organizers of successful "big events" tell how they plan, implement, evaluate, and celebrate the success of their special event.

2:45 – 4:00 (75 minute sessions)

Live from the Council Chamber

(Pavilan)

Take part in a mock council hearing on the future of a local trail project where facts, figures and compelling arguments are used in the struggle to compete for limited time, money and resources – A Trail Goddess / Not-Ready for Prime Time Production.

Building Youth's Character Step-by-Step

(Folsom Room)

Learn tools to work with educators to use walking and hiking as part of the educational curriculum. Following the session, join Jeff Tobes for a one hour historical walk that demonstrates how students are prepared and engaged in the experience

New and Proven Strategies for Securing Private Giving

(Placer Room)

Join two leading fundraisers for a discussion on cultivating your organization's membership base and contribution levels, and engaging local businesses as a viable fundraising group.

7:00 p.m. Silent Auction Ends, Exhibits Close

6:00 – 8:00

Dinner and Evening Program

(Garden Patio and Sierra Ballroom)

Sutter's Fort docents bring a taste of California's early history to Folsom.

Keynote Speaker – Brian O'Neill, Superintendent – Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Sunday, March 28

09:00 – 11:15 (2 hour and 15 minute session)

Multi-Use Trail Construction & Maintenance Techniques

(Natoma Room)

Hiking, equestrian and mountain bike trail experts conduct an interactive overview of their respective and collective trail design construction and maintenance requirements.

09:00 – 10:00 (60 minute sessions)

Recruiting and Retaining Trail Volunteers Through Interpretation

(Placer Room)

Through an interactive discussion, develop new tools for recruiting and retaining volunteers for your organization through the use of interpretation programs.

State / Federal Fund Update

(Folsom Room)

Hear what state and federal grant programs are currently available, who can apply for those funds, what kinds of projects are eligible for funding and upcoming deadlines.

10:15 – 11:15 (60 minute sessions)

New Dance Partners: Strategic Alliances for Trail Advocates

(Folsom Room)

Learn how you can expand your dance card to polka with public health, bust a move with business, hip-hop with housing developers, cut a rug with conservationists and lambada with local schools in a rockin' discussion on new strategic alliances.

Trails Talk - Resolving User Conflicts

(Placer Room)

A panel / audience participation session featuring three members of the California Recreational Trails Committee in a discussion on techniques for managing conflict and how these can be implemented without excluding one or more user groups.

11:30 – 1:30

Lunch & Awards Banquet

(Sierra Ballroom)

1:30 – Conference Concludes

2:00 –

**California Recreational Trails Committee
Public Meeting
Meeting Room TBA**

Things to do....

Hiking

Bicycling

Horseback Riding

The conference hotel connects you with over 30-miles of paved bike trails, with parallel bridle paths along much of the way. Explore the shore of Lake Natoma and the riparian zone along the American River Parkway. Some rental bikes will be available. A guided two-hour bike tour to look at local transportation links is planned for Friday afternoon.



Kayaking

Enjoy an hour or two on Lake Natoma. There are plenty of backwater sloughs to explore. Lots of birds, including waterfowl, an occasional peregrine falcon, deer and coyotes can be seen along the wooded shoreline. Bring your own kayak or canoe, or rent a kayak on site.



Horseback Riding and Mountain Biking

Bring your own horse or mountain bike and explore miles of mild and wild trails at nearby Auburn State Recreation Area. We'll have maps and directions.

